



PS 87 William T. Sherman

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

On Friday, February 3rd, we learned of an allegation that Gregory Atkins, a paraprofessional at PS 87, may have sexually abused a student at our school. Upon learning of this allegation, we immediately notified the Police Department and the Special Commissioner of Investigation. Mr. Atkins was also reassigned to a central office location away from students.

Today, we learned that Mr. Atkins was arrested in relation to these allegations.

As this is an ongoing criminal investigation, I have been asked to keep specific information about the matter confidential. However, some parents may be contacted by the NYPD or the Manhattan District Attorney's Office as they seek to determine if there are other children who may have been involved or been witnesses.

On Monday at 8:30am we will hold a special meeting with parents to discuss this matter, and a representative from the District Attorney's office will be present to answer questions and help address your concerns.

In addition, if you have reason to believe that your child may know something about this incident, or if you suspect your child may have been harmed in any way, please contact me or the NYPD right away.

Sincerely,



Monica Berry